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THIS WEEK

CAMPUS

Presidential candidates

The fourth and final presidential candidate will be on campus next week.

Dr. Joseph Shepard, Administrative Services and Finance Vice President from Florida Gulf Coast University will be on campus Monday April 27-28.

Shepard will meet with various groups on campus. The first will be for students at 3 p.m. and then following will be a meeting for staff and community at 4 p.m., both meetings will be in the J.W. Jones Student Union Boardroom.

Annual plant sale

The Northwest Horticulture Club is holding the second annual plant sale this weekend.

Annuals, perennials, herbs and tropical plants will be on sale 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday at the greenhouses near Forest Village Apartments on the north side of campus.

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COMMUNITY

Hubbards' Day

With Dr. Dean and Aleta Hubbard's upcoming retirement after 25 years of service to Northwest, the City of Maryville has proclaimed today as Dean and Aleta Hubbard Day.

An excerpt from the proclamation read: "Be it known that I, Chad Jackson, Mayor of the City of Maryville, Missouri, do proclaim this twenty-third day of April, 2009, to be Dean and Aleta Hubbard Day thereby expressing this community's deepest appreciation and gratitude to the Hubbards for their quarter-century of service and commitment."

Several events are planned today to honor the Hubbards. See the Missourian's special section in this issue for more details.

Fire burning extension

Due to periods of rain during the first half of April, the City of Maryville has approved an extension to the burning of yard waste until Monday.

Permitted burning materials include leaves, small twigs and grass clippings.

For more information on the ordinance, go to the city's Web site at [Maryville.org](#).

BEARCATS

Friday
Softball @ Central Missouri, 3 p.m.
Track and Field @ Kip Janvrin Simson College Open in Indianola, Iowa

Saturday
Men's and Women's Tennis MIAA Championships @ Kansas City, Mo.
Softball @ Southwest Baptist, Noon
Men's Basketball vs. Emporia State, 3:30 p.m.

Sunday
Track and Field @ MIAA Multi-Event Championships, Herschel Neil Track

SPOOKHOUNDS

Friday
Girls' Soccer @ North Kansas City Tournament
Boys' Golf @ Cameron, 8:30 a.m.
Boys' and Girls' Track & Field @ Maryville High School, 'Hounds Triangular

Saturday
Girls' Soccer @ North Kansas City Tournament
Baseball JV @ Savannah Tournament

Monday
Baseball vs. Benton, 4:30 p.m.
Boys' Golf @ Chillicothe, 9 a.m.

FAITH | TIBETAN MONKS

"We have to help achieve peace, happiness among all. Religions have a responsibility to help live in peace ..."

FULL CIRCLE Patience, prayer help sustain culture

By Greg Miller
Missourian Reporter

Every detail in a mandala matters.

Every color has a purpose, every design within is intricately placed. Every detail matters, just like each moment means so much to everyone on the planet.

It takes days to complete and holds great significance in the Buddhist faith. It represents wholeness, and some consider it a model for the organizational structure of life.

Every single piece of the mandala is placed there for a reason, ranging from prayers

for good health, world peace and internal happiness.

The traditions of the mandala and the Tibetan people have been threatened by Chinese invasion, but the peace the monks gain from prayer and patience help them overcome strife and remain optimistic for the future.

The mandala is an image symbolizing the completion or essence of everything. The mandala is carefully constructed from dry sand particles to represent the traditions of Buddhism. The monks construct the piece intricately while praying for peace and good health.

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THUBTEN SOEPA PLAYS a note from his flute before the creation of the mandala Monday in the J.W. Jones Student Union. The mandala is a concentric image that signifies the completion of everything.

photo by seb cook | photography editor



SANGYAL GYATSO BEGINS the intricate artwork of the mandala Monday. The monks will work on the spiritual design throughout the week before it is deconstructed at 4 p.m. Friday in the Governor Mel Carnahan Reading Room.

PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE

Finalist hopes to contribute with finance background

By Whitney Keyes
Managing Editor

Northwest will meet its final presidential candidate on Monday and Tuesday as Dr. Joseph Shepard of Florida Gulf Coast University comes for his on-campus visit.

As President Dean Hubbard prepares to retire this summer, the presidential selection committee has conducted three on-campus visits so far: Dr. John Jasinski of Northwood University, Dr. Rob-

ert Clark of University of Kansas-Edwards and Dr. Kent Porterfield of Saint Louis University.

He will be on campus Monday and Tuesday and will have a student forum on Tuesday at 3 p.m. in the J.W. Jones Student Union Boardroom, as well as a forum for faculty, staff and community at 4 p.m., also in the boardroom.

Shepard currently serves as the vice president for administrative services and finance at FGCU.

He works with student affairs, financial aid, academic affairs, the alumini foundation and fundraising among other tasks. He also teaches or guest lectures at times.

He has a bachelor's of science in mathematics education from Northern Arizona University, a master's in business administration from University of North Texas and a Ph.D. in public administration, specializing in public finance from Florida International University.

He said while his doctorate is not in higher education, he feels his degree in public administration goes hand in hand with his career.

"It complements it really nicely," he said. "And my career is higher education."

His public administration knowledge came in helpful in 1995, when Shepard was one of 50 hired to help create Florida Gulf Coast University.

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PUBLIC SAFETY

Cell phones, texting create distraction for drivers; Missouri yet to implement ban

By Kiley Swoopes
Chief Reporter

Over 700 text million messages are sent every year in the US with cell phones and the number is looking to increase.

Nearly 50 percent of all drivers between the age of 18 and 24 are texting while driving according to Aaafoundation.org.

Text messages are sent because a driver is bored on a long drive or it is the only available time they

have to respond to someone.

Cell phones are a distraction and many dangers come with texting and driving. Maryville Public Safety Sgt. Jeremy Ferris said.

Drivers will not pay attention to the road while sending a message, Ferris said. In addition, cell phones obstruct the drivers' view and texting takes their focus off of driving, he said.

Jessica James, freshman, loses concentration when she receives a text message while

driving.

"Texting while driving has almost caused me to be in an accident because as I looked down to read a message I started drifting into the opposite lane," James said. "I overcorrected and almost crashed."

Although radios and passengers can be a distraction as well, cell phones are a more common distraction, Ferris said.

"A driver can still keep their eyes on the road while changing

the station or talking to a passenger," Ferris said. "But eventually they will have to look down at the phone to read a text or to fix a spelling error."

Kristin Mangelsen, sophomore, uses texting to help pass the time away while driving.

"Texting keeps me awake and gives me something to do while driving," Mangelsen said.

"If I am the only one in the car, I need something besides the radio to keep me awake while driving

two hours home."

Nine states have recently passed laws to crack down on dialing or texting while driving according to Drivinglaws.com.

Lawmakers for Missouri have not found cell phones as an issue yet, Ferris said. Law enforcers can ticket for careless and imprudent driving if drivers are swerving.

"As students drive home, they should maintain awareness while on the road and do not text and drive," Ferris said.

PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE

Finalist pleased with town hall forums

By Whitney Keyes
Managing Editor

On Friday afternoon, when other students and faculty were enjoying the nice weather, others chose to sit in on Dr. Robert Clark's town hall forums.

Clark was the second presidential candidate to visit Northwest for an on-campus visit.

Clark serves at University of Kansas – Edwards Campus as the vice chancellor.

Prior to Clark, Dr. John Jasinski of Northwood University completed his visit earlier last week.

As for the other candidates; Dr. Kent Porterfield of Saint Louis University was on on-campus Monday and Tuesday and Dr. Joseph Shepard of Florida Gulf Coast University will be on campus this Monday and Tuesday.

The schedule for the visits are identical for each candidate and include meetings with the Board of Regents, a



Dr. Robert Clark

tour of the Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship and breakfast with the Faculty Senate.

Two of the most noteworthy aspects of the visit are the student forum and the faculty, staff and community forum.

"I was really impressed with the students," Clark said. "Their questions were thoughtful and penetrating; they were respectful.

Of the two, that was the most challenging, but I never felt they tried to deliberately challenge

me."

The student forum had around 15 participants, while the faculty, staff and community forum had a better turnout of around 100.

Topics for the forums ranged from Clark's goals, campus diversity and community service.

Economics professor Mark Jelavich asked specifically about accreditation for business education, but in that, raised the issue of post-grad-

uation success.

"I think he [Clark] raised some very good points, mainly if our students are getting jobs ad they are doing well at their work, then it is OK," Jelavich said.

Clark said he felt the forum was more of a discussion, rather than simply a question and answer session.

The forums were both informative and fun, in Clark's opinion.

"One of the nice things was that everyone was so confident in their role and relaxed. We just tried to learn as much as we could about the other. The conversation was authentic," Clark said.

Sessions like these are crucial, as Clark said now both he and Northwest have an important decision to make.

The trip was intense, he said, but that intensity is needed in an important decision like this. Now is the time, Clark said, for everyone to make sure they're on the same page.

"It's exactly what I would hope would happen," Clark said. "I think we both want to grow in a way that improves the quality of life in a community."

MEET THE CANDIDATES



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MARTIN JOHNSON AND Bryan Donahue from the band Boys Like Girls sing "Five Minutes to Midnight" to the Bearcat Arena Crowd. Boys Like Girls is working on a new album that is due out later this year into early next year.

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Boys Like Girls bring the 'Thunder' to campus

By Brian Johnson
Entertainment Reporter

Last Friday, Bearcat Arena was filled with eye-liner and tight jeans rather than basketballs and volleyballs. High school students and Northwest students alike filled up the arena for the annual spring concert performance by Boys Like Girls.

The MTV-friendly alternative band flew in for a special performance and a break from recording their new album. They also brought with them two up-and-coming bands, Fast Track and After Midnight Project. What resulted was three hours of energetic alternative music.

Boys Like Girls arrived a few

hours before their performance and had a chance to drive around Maryville.

"We were happy when we found a Baskin Robbins," guitarist Brandon DiGiovanni said. "Then we got close and we were like 'oh it's closed.'"

Hanging out in the classroom turned green room, Boys Like Girls were able snack on food and just relax before the show. Lead singer Martin Johnson was in high spirits and joked about his favorite foods.

"I absolutely love Reese's Puffs cereal. It's my favorite cereal," Johnson said. "I can't eat it before a show though because of my acid reflux."

The band was also open about

their future plans. They said they have finished about half of their new album, and which will be released at the end of summer. They are also planning a big tour with some other big names they can't release to the public yet.

While Boys Like Girls were getting ready backstage, Fast Track and After Midnight Project were getting the crowd energized. Minneapolis' Fast Track went through a eight-song set with a sound influenced by Alkaline Trio and The Get Up Kids.

"We definitely want to get out there and play a lot more shows," said Fast Track lead singer Jordan Lyga. "We want to get to where we're playing arenas."

After the show, the band

met an excited group of fans at their merchandise stand and signed T-shirts, posters and other items.

Finally, Boys Like Girls took the stage to an excited and already pumped Northwest crowd. Opening up with their hit "Hero/Heroine," with the audience singing along, the tone for the rest of the night was set.

The band played practically non-stop. By the middle of the set, they gave an emotional and rousing performance of "Thunder."

The band ended on the fan-favorite and most successful single, the anthem-like "The Great Escape" which left the crowd not wanting to escape from the annual spring concert.

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LOCAL BUSINESS

Candy Bouquet offers custom gift ideas, coffee for residents after relocation from Ravenwood

By Darleen Denno
Missourian Reporter

Terrible gift-givers rejoice. The Candy Bouquet creates gift baskets and candy bouquets tailored to any specific person or occasion.

The Candy Bouquet, located in the Village Plaza on South Main, opened in Maryville two and a half years ago, but was a thriving store in Ravenwood, Mo. for a year before moving to Maryville. CC Gallagher decided to open the Candy

Bouquet because she always wanted to run her own business. Ravenwood was chosen as the business's first location because it allowed Gallagher to "test" the waters and start small — to see if there was a potential thriving market. The small business soon flourished, Gallagher said.

Gallagher got the idea to expand, and when Joyce Stiens got on board, Gallagher moved shop to Maryville.

Expanding to Maryville was a huge success to the Candy

Bouquet. The market grew with the move, and incidentally, so did the variety of products. The Candy Bouquet started providing gift baskets and candy bouquets for the dominant market — women, but expanded to any age, occasion, theme and gender. With the wide range of customers, comes the wide variety of incoming gift orders. According to Gallagher, about 90 percent of outgoing gift baskets and candy bouquets are customized.

"We can create a gift bas-

ket customized to the person. Customers bring in mugs and glasses for us to build a basket or bouquet around," Stiens said.

The bouquets can be customized to fit the gift receiver's favorite candy or color. Gifts can also be customized to the occasion or theme. With personality behind every gift made, no customer is left disappointed.

"We have never had anyone come back and say 'that's not what I wanted,'" Gallagher

said. Contradictory to their name, the Candy Bouquet does not only offer candy bouquets. Stiens saw the need for a new product. Coffee was added to the Candy Bouquet in October.

The Candy Bouquet offers an assortment of blends for the traditional cup of coffee, but also the espresso drink. While the House and Kona blends tie for the bestselling coffee, the Mocha-caramel frappuccino is overwhelming the bestselling

espresso drink. "We've been compared to Starbucks along with other big name coffee shops," Gallagher said.

According to Gallagher, the espresso comes from Kansas City, Mo., which is why the drinks are extremely smooth and not bitter. Adding coffee to the already successful business also added to the shop's atmosphere. The coffee addition "complements" the laid back atmosphere of the candy shop.

MAIN STREET



photo by seth cook | photography editor

JASON NOBLE WORKS on improving the old Aloha Cafe building on South Main. The building belongs to David Ackman, who said he's making improvements in preparation of selling the building to another owner.

ANIMAL SHELTER

Eco-friendly luncheon to benefit humane society

By Jake Ost
Online Content Editor

When the words "green" and "animal shelter" cross paths what do you think of? And no, it isn't Christmas in July again.

The Northwest Advocates for Animal Awareness is starting its third annual luncheon today. Their theme has been thought of as eco-friendly or "Going Green for Your Pet."

"The hardest part for the Humane Society is the expenses that come from taking care of the shelter to keep it up and running," said Kristina Martinez, organizer for this year's luncheon mentions.

The shelter's operating expenses, and the last minimum wage increase, has depleted funds from the city's donations to keep the facility up and running.

Since the last two luncheons, the NWAAA has raised \$3,000 each year to help with the already tight budget that becomes a lifesaver for the shelter.

"Since the luncheon has helped the shelter out with the spayed and neutered buddy has been one of the sponsorship that has helped the shelter out keep down on the number of stray animals brought to the shelter," Martinez said.

Two groups on campus have give time to help out with the luncheon this year.

"We are working with Brooke Beason



photo by jared darke | senior photographer

NORTHWEST FRESHMAN KAT Bennett plays with two dogs available for adoption Wednesday afternoon at the New Nodaway Humane Society. It was the third time that Bennett has volunteered to help walk dogs at the shelter.

and the Business and Professional Women's Organization and Elizabeth Nunn with Northwest Environmental Organization. The shelter is always looking for donations, especially now," Martinez said.

The Northwest Chapter of the BPW is assisting with the event as we are happy to promote the environmentally friendly

event," said Brooke Beason. The luncheon will be held at the First Christian Church on Third and Buchanan. Tickets cost \$6 and are available by calling 562-3049 or e-mailing nwaaa07@nwmissouri.edu. To find more information how to donate to the New Nodaway Humane Society call 562-3333 or visit their Web site at Nodawayhumane.org.

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8-10 PM - The B Sides

10-Midnight - Bezzie's Boom Boom Room

Wednesday

10-Midnight - Exclusive Mix

Thursday

3-6 PM - Weekend Sports Kickoff

6-8 PM - Attack of the Radio

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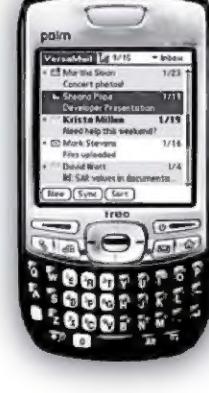
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OUR VIEW

Candidate forum turnout less than impressive

Student turnout to the recent town hall discussions with the Northwest presidential candidates was sad to say the least; 20 at Dr. John Jasinski's event, 15 at Dr. Robert Clark's meeting and eight people at Dr. Kent Porterfield's on Tuesday.

Granted, it must be taken into account that schedules often times are not flexible in the afternoons and people have lives outside the University's issues. And so far, to be fair, the town hall meetings for community members have seemingly been better attended.

However, for an issue that will most definitely impact University policy for years, if not generations to come, as well as Maryville in whole, to say that a turnout rate of eight people is even slightly sufficient is absurd in the least.

Not only this, but the number of questions presented to the University presidential candidates were so limited that sheets of paper with 10 example questions were made available to those who actually attended. It was a nice gesture, but the extent of valid questions a Northwest

student could ask these men far exceeds 10.

As citizens and members of the campus community, it is our obligation to attend influential functions such as these. It is our duty to ask relevant and pressing questions of a person who could, quite possibly, change the University and Maryville so drastically, could run Northwest into the ground or allow it to grow beyond what President Dean Hubbard has already accomplished within his term.

This has been a rare opportunity to have our issues heard, our

questions voiced and answered, and we have missed the boat so far.

In any issue, silence by the people is assumed as consent. Without a firm hand by students, those in charge will take whatever direction they see fit, and we are left only the power to grumble about whatever decision made.

The fourth and final town hall discussions, with candidate Dr. Joseph Shepard, are scheduled for Tuesday. The student forum is at 3 p.m., followed by the general public meeting at 4

p.m. Both are in the J.W. Jones Student Union Boardroom. The Missourian strongly encourages students to attend this meeting. Even if you've been unable to make the last three, make and effort to be at this one. Do your research and come prepared with questions to ask. The window of opportunity for University stakeholders to get to know these candidates has almost closed completely. Before we know it, this campus will have a new leader. Whether we like him or not will be irrelevant if we don't bother to participate now.

MY VIEW

Court's ruling tells state to keep out of marriage

With the recent legislation in Vermont and the Iowa Supreme Court ruling, gay marriage is once again brought to the forefront.

Statutes limiting the definition of marriage to heterosexual couples only is an excellent example of last week's topic I presented on

moral legislation, legislation which limits individual liberty with no clear motive of safety, protection, or order, legislation that is primarily tyranny of the majority, or the current prevailing opinion which in turn stifles the individual or minority opinions within a nation.

Not only does this legislation across the nation disallowing civil unions from homosexual couples grossly step upon the concept of individualism, but also violates the Equal Protection clause of the United States Constitution, which in turn applies to the states by the Due Process Clause in the Fourteenth Amendment.

True, Equal Protection is limited by classifications, but to limit on the basis of sexual orientation is a gross misrepresentation of the purpose of these classifications, just as skin color and sex.

The courts, which are to be above political bias and free from the majority pressure, are to protect the constitution, which in turn protects the freedom we enjoy.

The Iowa Supreme Court's opinion addresses four main points the state brings: the harm that would be caused to the institution of marriage, the harm that would be caused to children of same-sex unions, the inability to procreate and financial considerations of the state.

The Iowa Supreme Court argued the state had no legitimate interest in securing the tradition of marriage. Along with this, the Court stated that not only are homosexuals able to procreate, but children born to such a union would have an equal opportunity. Finally, the Court argued that to exclude any group of people, such as women or blacks, would conserve resources as well.

However, despite these points, I think we can all agree that this is an issue of religion, which cannot justify any legal bans on civil unions because the government is to have no religious views. The only consideration to religion in and of itself by the government is to protect the historical foundations of our nation and the freedom to have religion, not to have it shoved down the nation's or an individual's throat.

I will restate from last week's issue that yes, religion is an important foundation to our nation. But it is by no means the only foundation, nor one of any reasons given in wanting to form an independent union.

The constitutional rights of all citizens to liberty and equal protection must always be considered above any motivations, be those political, religious or of the prevailing opinion within society.

MY VIEW

Religion, politics intersect with recent law decision in Somalia

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Religion, politics intersect with recent law decision in Somalia



Natalie Bell
Contributing Columnist

Last weekend, the Somali parliament unanimously endorsed the Islamic religious law, "Sharia law" to be ruled within the country.

Somalia has been without functioning government for 18 years, but is hoping to re-establish rule of law under recently-named President Sheikh Sharif Sheikh Ahmed. This sets up the legal framework in which the public and private aspects of life are regulated for those living within the system.

Fundamentally, Sharia law is derived from both the teachings of the Qur'an and from Sunna (Islamic customs and practices). It deals with many aspects of day-to-day life, including hygiene, sexuality, family, business, banking, economics, politics and social issues. Sharia law is currently the most widely used religious law, and one of the most common legal systems of the world (alongside common law and civil law).

I find it difficult to not oppose Sharia for its oblique

gation of theocracy over democracy, its abuse of human rights, its institutionalized discrimination, its denial of human dignity and individual autonomy, its punishment for alternative lifestyle choices and for the severity of its punishments in general.

Every day when I wake up, I'm constantly reminded of how lucky I am to live in America. Not only that, but to live in the "Midwest" where conservative morals and liberal ideals collide.

Being in the heartland has protected me from terrorist attacks, hurricanes, pirates and for the most part, severe floods. Most of all, I'm grateful for the ability of religious freedom within our democratic republic.

I agree that the world is a battleground of social movements and ideas. It took people in the west more than

to observe its taboos.

The cultural argument within Sharia for the rights

of women states that Muslim women, by virtue of accepting Islam, voluntarily submit themselves to obeying their husbands and the veil, considered to be a sign of modesty, so that she may be regarded as an intelligent human being and not merely an object of desire.

Society is larger, more diverse and far more complex than the primitive tribal society of seventh century Arabia that gave birth to Islam.

More than ever before, people need a secular state that respects freedom of religion and freedom from religion for those that have none, and human rights founded on the principle that power belongs to the people.

It's a shame that so many terrible things are done to so many people in the name of a religion. Religion should be personal, not political. No group should be able to legislate its own personal morality or be able to force anyone else to observe its taboos.

Individual conscience, not just religion, must guide us and remain the judge of private, personal conduct.

CAMPUS TALK

Have you become more self-sufficient? If so, how?



Zach Jason
Physical Education



Maddison Tobin
Public Relations



David McEnaney
Biology/Education



Caleb McDonald
Parks and Recreation Management



Brandi Fair
Biology/Psychology

"Personally my life hasn't changed much since the economy has been down. I'm not thrifty with my money or anything like that. I'm worried that it will get worse and that I will eventually have to start sacrificing things."

"I've always been self-sufficient because my parents always made me pay for everything, so I don't think the economy has necessarily changed my thinking."

"Yes, a lot more carpooling, less trips to Wal-Mart and stay away from that five dollar movie rack at Wal-Mart."

"I just bought a brand new car and blow way to much money every weekend, so no, the economy hasn't effected me."

"Ever since I was 16 I have always had to work to get what I wanted, so I think I have gained more responsibility now that I am in college, but it had nothing to do with the economy."

SHEPARD: Finalist learns from important mistakes

Though he was hired in 1995, the doors didn't open until 1997 – after he and others, he said, created a college on what had been swampland.

"It was a tremendous experience, but it was a difficult experience," he said. "We had to create all the policies, build all the classrooms, do all the hiring, everything."

When FGCU was ready, the faculty had to recruit students – "sell students on a dream," Shepard said.

For many students the first few years, the school was a transitional school as they hoped to move on to bigger schools in the future.

"We had to break that with quality. We were constantly evaluating ourselves," Shepard said. "That translated into a sense of quality and belonging and attracted others."

The first freshman class had 140 students. This fall, Florida Gulf Coast will welcome 2,050 freshmen.

Along with the enrollment growth, the university has seen other improvements.

The school has worked its way from no athletics, to Division-II athletics to now, Division-I athletics. The jump from division, Shepard said, was not only due to enrollment growth, but also a budgetary move.

By competing in Division-I athletics, the school could play in a conference, rather than scheduling individual games, which would ultimately save money.

And while the teams have been successful, Shepard said, that's not the best part.

"The number one thing about our athletics is that the athletes sport a higher GPA than the campus average," Shepard said.

He has followed teams to several games, including championship tournaments and games, such as the women's basketball finals in Kearney, Neb.

Shepard, though he ran cross-country in high school and is an avid backpacker, doesn't attribute his passion to school athletics to being an athlete.

"I'm very pro-athletics, pro-student clubs and organizations," he said. "That's where you feel you belong. Those activities give you the fundamental tools to be successful in socialization and interaction."

He said those skills of socialization and interaction are important, especially

to graduating seniors, looking to jump into the workforce. With the current economy, Shepard said, it can be nerve-racking trying to find a job.

However, he believes his knowledge in finance paired with his passion for students will help.

He knows the economy doesn't solely affect students though, as entire universities are feeling financial strain.

"In the next few years, it's going to be difficult for public education. We'll see appropriations dwindle and you can only raise tuition so much," Shepard said. "Universities who understand financial issues and how to tie it into student quality will be successful."

Not only as an administrator, but also as a parent, he's not a fan of raising tuition. His son, David will be a college freshman this fall and is looking at a variety of schools, which include Cornell University and Florida Gulf Coast.

Shepard has a daughter as well, 15-year-old Sophia. He and his wife, Marcella, met while he was in Mexico teaching math and science. The contact had been for one year, he said and was only because he didn't know what else to do after college. He didn't even speak Spanish. But, he stayed for three years and came back a married man.

The couple decided to raise their two children bilingual, so his children can write and speak Spanish fluently.

Not only in his family, but also in his career, Shepard believes diversity is important. The cultural difference between southwest Florida and rural Missouri can be overcome, he said.

During FGCU's first years, he said, diversity rates were about the same as Northwest's are now – about 2 percent black, 2 percent Hispanic. Fort Meyers had been deemed the most segregated city in the South – not a title to be proud of.

Now though, Shepard quoted the university's rate of underrepresented students to be about 20 percent. This growth has helped them gain recognition, most notably from the Historically Black Colleges and Universities group. This year, the HBCU tour will include FGCU, the first non-member on the tour ever.

"How do you bridge the issue of diversification? With community service, volunteerism, getting out in the community," Shepard said.

However, Shepard knows culture isn't

the only difference between Fort Meyers and Maryville. Between Fort Meyers and nearby Naples, his community consists of about 300,000 people.

Buckeye, Ariz. though, where Shepard grew up is not a large town – in fact, had a population of about 3,000. He thinks the experience of growing up in a small town will help him adjust to Maryville and the unique connection with the University and the town.

A student from Northwest knows the faculty, they're not a number, they see the president in the cafeteria. The University is part of the town and the town is a part of the University," Shepard said.

He said he felt he'd had the best of both worlds. He's lived in a small town as well as a big town. He's worked at a school with no students, all the way to 11,000 students.

Two other experiences he thought might help him are that he's been through a presidential search before and some similar legal issues that both Northwest and FGCU have had.

In 2007, when FGCU was looking for a new president, Shepard was the only internal candidate for the job. The position went to Dr. Wilson Bradshaw, formerly of Metropolitan State University, not Shepard. However, he said the process was followed correctly and FGCU hired a wonderful president. Having been through one presidential search already certainly doesn't hurt, Shepard said.

Another advantage, perhaps, he said, is that he's had to handle an almost identical case than that of Northwest's general counsel, Joseph Cornelison.

Due to legal requirements, he can't comment too much on the subject, but did say he'd learned from it.

"We didn't handle it perfectly," Shepard said.

The issue between Cornelison and the Board of Regents is just one of the immediate issues the next president will have to face. Provost Kichoo Yang is resigning this summer and Vice President for University Relations Mary Ann Lowary is retiring.

"Northwest is at a point of transition, but there's a tremendously solid foundation and it can move forward in Northwest's mission," Shepard said. "These are the types of times that will help define a university – who they are, what they represent and what they will become."

MONKS: Mandala to be deconstructed Friday

Mandalas are considered vehicles for generating compassion and social, cosmic and environmental healing.

While at Northwest, the monks want to convey the importance of peace and expansion of a person's mind.

"If we use it (the mind) to its fullest potential, we can create peace," said Geshe La Samdup, through translator Tsondon Jigdal. "Everyone wishes for peace and hopes for peace ... monks believe peace relies on understanding the mind."

Geshe La Samdup said it is important to open a dialogue with Americans, to listen to them and learn from each other in order to create a lasting peace in the world.

"We have to help achieve peace, happiness among all. Religions have a responsibility to help live in peace, regardless ... we have to live together on this planet," said Geshe La Samdup. "As a Buddhist, we cannot step back and pretend we don't have a responsibility ... we have to help achieve peace, happiness."

The monks came from the Drepung Gomang monastery on 42 acres of land in Mundgod, South India. It is located between Mumbai and Bangalore on the coast of the Indian Ocean. The monastery houses approximately 2,000 monks.

The original monastery was founded in 1416 near the Tibetan capital of Lhasa. The monastery had more than 10,000 monks before the Chinese invasion of 1949.

In 1959, about 100 monks managed to escape with the Dalai Lama from Tibet, and in 1969, 62 of the surviving Gomang monks were given the land in India to rebuild the monastery.

Samdup said the monks also tour to raise money for the monastery, which is open to everyone. The education, basic

medicine is available to anyone. They are selling merchandise on campus this week to raise funds.

"Monks are not allowed to labor for income," Geshe La Samdup said.

"The monks are here to raise awareness of Tibet's political situation that threatens their culture and way of life," said Matt Johnson, history instructor at Northwest. "It's an example of living a life of compassion."

The last time the monks visited Northwest was five years ago. The University tries to schedule visits with the timing of students.

"It cycles through every three or four years," said Johnson. This visit was made possible through a Culture of Quality grant, Student Senate, and the Department of History, Humanities, Philosophy and Political Science.

"I am very grateful of the assistance of the University and student organizations," Johnson said.

The monks will present a Pageant of Tibetan Culture tonight at 6 at Charles Johnson Theater in the Olive DeLuce Fine Arts Building. Admission is free, but donations will be accepted.

At 4 p.m. Friday, the mandala will be deconstructed and the sand given to everyone in attendance at the closing ceremony.

The monks are touring in a country that is currently divided both culturally and economically. Samdup said that while America stands as a country of equality and liberty, it is the inner peace that will bring prosperity.

"Americans can achieve peace when they can decrease their negative emotions ... when you decrease those emotions, you are increasing the positive," Geshe La Samdup said.

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MHS PROM

ZACH SCHEIBER AND Leslie Zeliff dance and joke with friends at the prom. After-prom featured fun activities for the students including a inflatable games and a hypnotist.

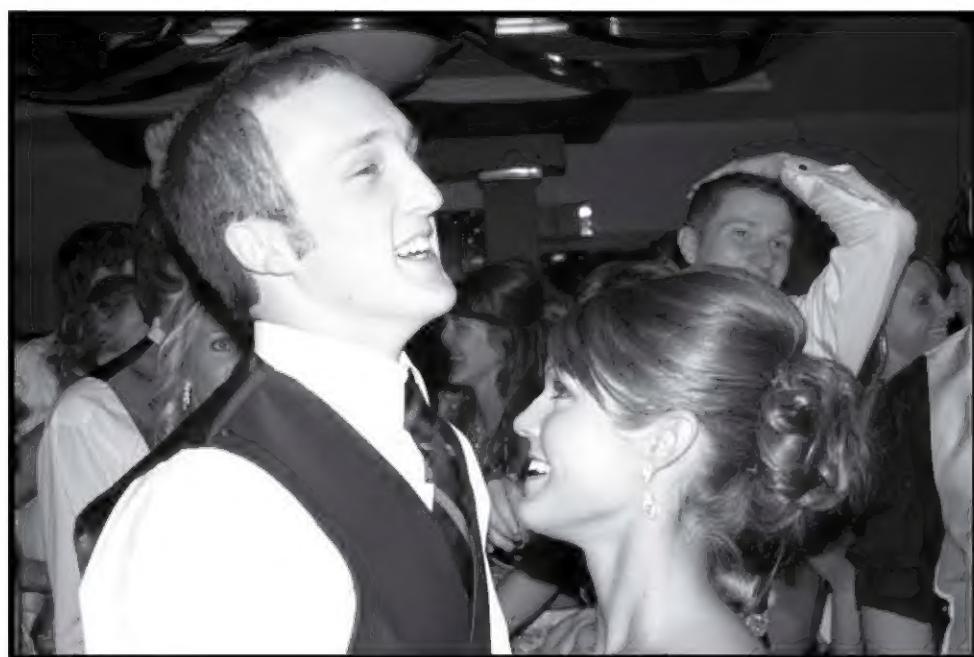
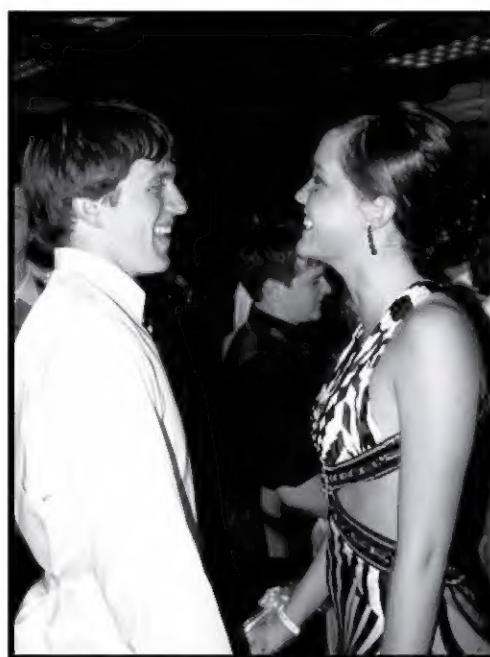


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MICHAEL MCVINUA AND Darby Furman share a laugh between songs Saturday night at the prom. Prom was held at the J.W. Jones Student Union Ballroom.

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The perfect dress and memorable experience for third prom

By Leslie Zeliff
MHS senior

Throughout my high school career, I have attended prom three times. Every other year I went through the same process in getting ready, except this year.

As it being my senior prom, I wanted the perfect dress. I found that dress in March at Stacey's Formalwear in Des Moines, Iowa. When seeing the dress on the hanger I was unsure about if I would like it, but as soon as I put it on, I knew it was the one. It was a strapless mermaid style dress covered in red sequins.

As the day of prom rolled around, my date, Zach Schieber, and I traveled to St. Joseph for an early lunch with two other couples. We decided to eat at a Louisiana Cajun restaurant, Boudreaux's. After we ate, we played a nice game of mini

golf. Although my date and I didn't succeed in winning, we all had lots of fun. After we finished our game, we traveled back to Maryville to start getting ready for our fun filled evening.

This year, I made my hair appointment at a later time. While I was at the salon, I was getting more anxious for the night. When I was finished there, I headed to my date's house to spend some time with him before we headed to the dance.

As I put on my makeup, it was almost close to prom time. When I finally put on my red sequined dress, my date and I were off to go take pictures at our friend's house. After taking pictures, the boys decided they wanted to play a quick game of ping-pong, while us girls sat and watched "Harry Potter" on TV.

We then headed to the dance around 9:45, not too early and not too late. This year's theme for my

senior prom was Shanghai Nights. When I had first heard what the theme was going to be, I was very unhappy. But walking in and seeing all the decorations changed my mind.

My date and I decided to leave around 11:45 to go and get ready for after-prom. I will have to admit this year I had more fun at after-prom than I did at the actual prom. At after-prom they had many fun games set up for everyone attending. I went through the obstacle course many times and sat and visited with friends.

After-prom ended around 4:30 and upon leaving there, we headed back to our friend's house to eat an early breakfast. As we all ate, we were extremely exhausted and couldn't wait to go to bed. Overall, I wish to say that my senior prom experience was very fun and memorable.

MHS junior gives guy perspective on prom night

By Michael McVinua
MHS junior

Shanghai is in another country. But I wasn't the only one who thought of the great idea because there were four or five other groups there for prom. The food was good and the entertainment was awesome.

When we got back (to Maryville) we changed, took pictures and I remembered when we were in front of the fireplace ready to pose, I had forgotten to shave. We got that all finished with and went to prom.

We got to the Union at about 10 because the girls wanted to be fashionably late. I didn't care. I just wanted to dance. The decorations we put up the day before looked really good. After a few more pictures, I danced the night away. Then we went back to my house to change again for

after-prom.

After-prom was one of the main things I was looking forward to that night. It has a bunch of inflatable games and then a hypnotist at the end. It was really funny seeing my girlfriend, Darbi, being hypnotized. I had a really good time just messing around and hanging with friends.

Overall, prom was a fun night. I don't get all hyped up like you see the girls, and some guys, do. I like it because it is a brief halt to the same boring routine. Prom is kind of like Christmas. You build up all this excitement for it, then it happens, and the next day you're like, "Where did it go?" It's not the biggest highlight of my year, but it's something that was fun, exciting, and that I'll remember for the rest of my life.

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- Make sure you take breaks in your studying - do a physical activity between "chunks" to work out the stress and tension.
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- Go to bed at a reasonable time before exams. Being well rested may be more profitable than the extra couple of hours of cramming
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THE MIC IS NOW OPEN

By Brian Johnson
Entertainment Reporter

On a typical Thursday night in Maryville, you will find Northwest students and the locals slumming around Main Street after a few drinks at any of the local bars. These nights are filled with laughter and reflections of the hardships of the day which lead them to the bars in the first place.

Walking down the streets, they can hear Lynard Skynyrd's "Sweet Home Alabama" blaring through the stereo of Carson's, along with the fifth replay of that day's edition of SportsCenter on the television. Right next door however, they will hear a different kind of scene.

At Java Joint, one won't find any Skynyrd or Sportscenter, but they will hear a stirring rendition of Bob Dylan's "The Times They Are a-Changin'" sung by Northwest student Mike Martin.

"We were in dire need of something like this," Martin said while on a break from his set, taking puffs from a cigarette. "It's important to me to have a place like this."

Martin is referring to the open mic nights which are held every week at the brand new Java Joint. He has been the showcase; playing covers of Damien Rice, Bright Eyes and Stevie Ray Vaughn among others on his acoustic guitar.

There have only been two Open Mic Nights so far, but Martin feels the event is steadily picking up. The first two events were held on Wednesdays, but will now be moved to Thursdays in hopes of bringing in the Thursday party crowd.

Martin said his friend from one of his art classes suggested that he perform every week to help bring people in. Martin laughed and said that he's had to teach himself to sing because he's more of a guitarist. However, he thinks Maryville needs at least one place like Java Joint on Thursday nights.

"If you're into bars, we have bars. If you're a homebody, you can stay home," Martin said as he wiped his brow of sweat. "Before this, we didn't have any place for performers to come."

Martin said he likes to play covers at these events. He claims that most of his original music is blues-based, and would rather play softer covers at the shop. Laughing, he said he's not into writing "cutesy love songs" but will certainly perform others' songs.

The event was put together by Maryville resident Honali Guest. She is another feature performer on these nights with her poetry. With her bright red-



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MIKE MARTIN COVERS "The Bottom of Everything" by Bright Eyes at Open Mic Night at the Java Joint. Martin is one of the regular acts at the Java Joint, and helps bring in new faces through his friends and fellow art students.

dyed hair and dark purple sweater, she fits the role of a poet.

She said she started the Open Mic Nights in the beginning so she could have a place to read her poetry. She jokes that it's depressing poetry, but she feels expression is important.

"I just want to give artists a chance to express themselves," Guest said with a steady calmness in her voice. "We want performers whether they are singers or just monologue readers. We're open to all expressions of art."

All expressions of art is a very accurate description. Guest has a game she plays with people attending this event. She has everyone write their name down on a piece of paper for a drawing. The prize they are drawing for? A chance to express themselves in front of the entire shop.

If their name is called, they have to select something from Guest's "secret box" and recite it. This box includes a wide selection of writings that range from The Bible to random brochures.

One of the people chosen was a junior

at Northwest named Sarah Roman. A literature major, Roman chose a piece called "Not in Vain" by Emily Dickinson, one of Roman's favorite writers.

"This is my first time here, but I would definitely come back," Roman said as she sipped her coffee looking at the painted walls of the shop. "It's really different than anything else Maryville has to offer."

Whether the Open Mic Nights will become a Thursday tradition along with the popular party

nights in Maryville remains to be seen. Guest has high hopes and won't give up on her goal of providing a platform for expression of art.

"The more we get people to participate, the more fun it is for everyone else," Guest said. "People may be surprised at themselves as to how good they really are."



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HONALI GUEST
READS "Hobby Lobby
Parking Lot," a poem
she wrote about her
life. Guest hosts
Open Mic Night every
Wednesday night at
the Java Joint on the
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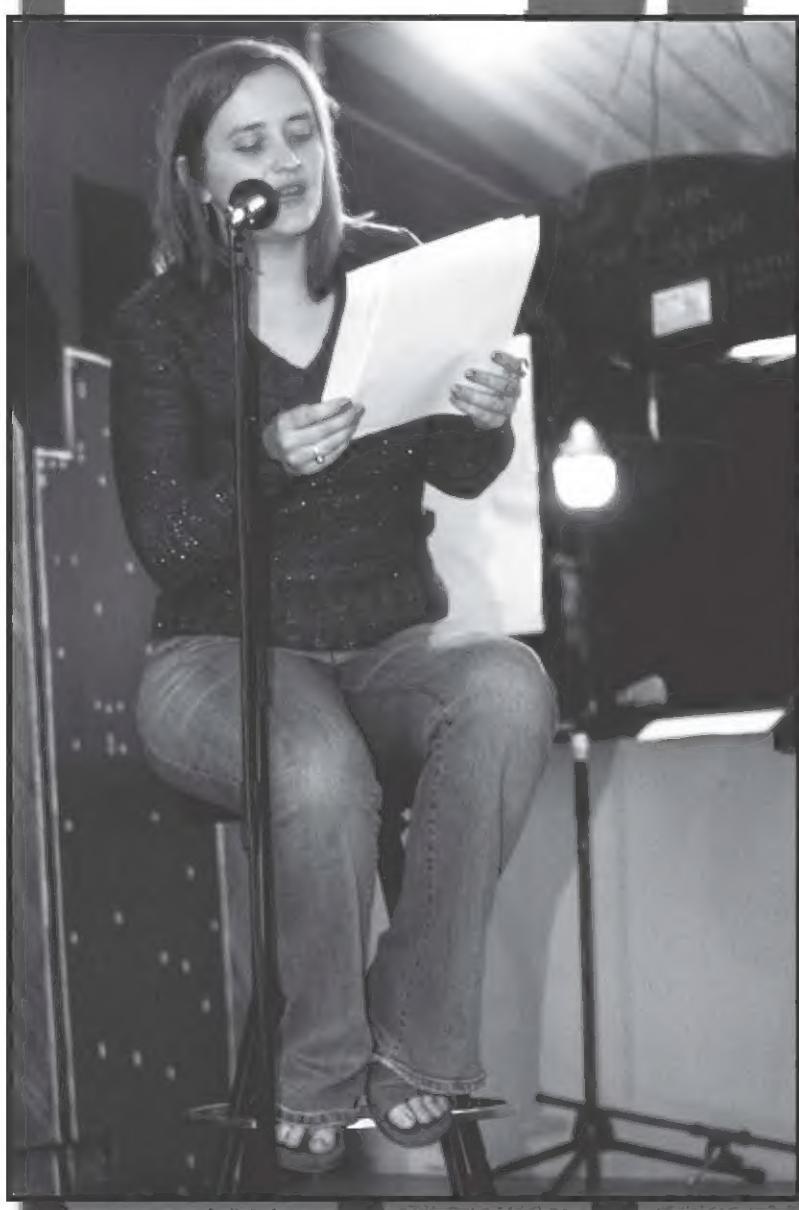


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MIKE MARTIN SINGS
"Say It Ain't So," a
cover of the popular
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Martin performs
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Damien Rice, and
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For athletes, hard work, persistence pays off after graduation

By Christopher Woodland
Sports Editor

With another school year drawing to a close, and some of us our final one, I think it is time to reflect on the past school year and offer some food for thought for the future.

Over the past school year we have got to see the thrill of the Bearcats reaching their fourth straight national championship, only to lose in similar fashion as the last three.

Hunter Henry ended his career as one of the best basketball players in Northwest history, and the Maryville Spoofhounds came up four yards shy of their second state championship behind a suffocating defense and possibly the most dynamic rushing attack in the school's history.

A new crop of athletes must now figure out what I had to when I graduated high school.

What do you do when you no longer have two and a half hour long practices that fill the afternoon during the season, or two or three hour long weights and running sessions during the off-season?

For most, the glory days of running into a stadium or arena filled with screaming fans will fade to memory, and a new identity will develop.

For me the answer was to become a sports writer, easy enough, for those graduating college with degrees in other fields they will now be the doctors, lawyers and Fortune 500 CEOs.

Whatever the path though, the lessons taught in sports always linger.

Hard work and persistence will

eventually pay off, you gain more by selflessly working as a team rather than looking out for yourself and never back down in the face of adversity.

Back to the heart of the manor though, the changes brought on by graduation.

Basically it comes down to finding a real job or enrolling in grad school to delay the inevitable another year or two, since the job market sucks.

However, the main thing to remember is that if you never fail at an endeavor, it means you are not attempting to reach your potential. If you always achieve what you set out to achieve you are not pushing the boundaries, and testing just how far you can go.

Test the boundaries.

Also, remember that whatever

your goal is, don't be to eager just jump straight into the workforce. We have our entire lives to work 40-hour week jobs.

What do you have to lose? Money? Doubtful you have much to lose right now if you are a graduating senior, which is why some people want to jump to the work force.

Before you do though, ask yourself if there is anything you will regret not have done in 20 years, but by then have a family you are trying to provide for and are unable.

The final piece of information I will leave, as this is my final story I will write for the Missourian is this:

No matter what you do in life, just remember that it really doesn't take any longer to be nice to someone that it does to be an ass.

SPORTS STAFF PICKS

Woody's picks

Prediction record (20-24)

Best Player in the Draft

Aaron Curry

I wanted to say Crabtree, but a great receiver that goes to a terrible team with no real way of getting him the ball becomes an average receiver. If the Lions are smart they will take Curry instead of Stafford.

Most Overrated Player in the Draft

Josh Freeman

How did this guy's stock rise so high anyway? He was probably the fourth best quarterback in the Big 12 North last year, behind Chase Daniels, Joe Ganz and Todd Reesing. Yep, that's right. He's that bad. Also, it's not like he was going up against incredibly tough defenses in the North division either.

First Kicker Drafted

Louie Sakoda

What? First kicker? Who cares unless it's Sebastian Janikowski? Louie Sakoda performed very well in the skills competition on ESPN last weekend though.

Mr. Irrelevant

Josh Freeman

This is where he should go rather than the first round. Boo Freeman.

Brian "The Bulldog's" picks

Prediction record (18-26)

Best Player in the Draft

Eugene Monroe

Monroe is the best pass protector since Joe Thomas joined the Browns two years ago. He's got the feet of an elite tackle that could anchor a line for the next 10 years.

Most Overrated Player in the Draft

Jeremy Maclin

The kid is fast and that is all. He is too short to become a top threat as a receiver in the NFL. Plus he played his college career in the Big 12, which unfortunately isn't made of the top notch defenses it used to have. Just as Woody points out especially in the North the defenses weren't much to be spoken for. He will make a great special teams threat though.

First Kicker Drafted

Patrick McAfee

I watched McAfee the other day on ESPN and this guy is calm, cool and collective when on the field. He has no problem knocking home the kicks over 50 yards.

Mr. Irrelevant

Chase Patton

Who better to follow Cassel's footsteps than another bench warmer.

Jason's picks

Prediction record (21-23)

Best Player in the Draft

Michael Crabtree

Although he will go to a terrible team, he's still the best player in the draft. He has the best upside of any offensive player in this draft class, hands down.

Most Overrated Player in the Draft

Matthew Stafford

I'm sick of all the hype about him. Sure he has potential, but he won't have near the impact that Matt Ryan and Joe Flacco did last year. He had decent stats at Georgia, but if Sam Bradford would've come out there would be no question as to who is going first overall and there wouldn't be any hype about Stafford.

First Kicker Drafted

Jeff Wolfert

Honestly, I could care less. I couldn't name a single college kicker except Jeff Wolfert from Mizzou, so he takes my vote.

Mr. Irrelevant

Chase Daniel

Daniel is undersized and ran the perfect offense for him in college, he'll have to adapt in the NFL and I don't know if he can do it.

Dustin's picks

Prediction record (28-16)

Best Player in the Draft

Jason Smith

I am in love with taking offensive tackles high in the draft. In my opinion they are the cornerstone of any great team and are a great place to start when rebuilding a team. Therefore, Smith is the best player in the draft.

Most Overrated Player in the Draft

Mark Sanchez

Sanchez is great quarterback and I think he will do well in the NFL but he does not deserve to be a top five draft pick. The quarterback is the most valuable position in the draft and no team wants to miss their chance at a great QB. Sanchez is valued was too high just because of his position.

First Kicker Drafted

Graham Gano

Gano won the Lou Groza last year in his first and only season kicking for Florida State. Gano went 24-26 last season and his two misses came from 50+ yards away.

Mr. Irrelevant

Roger Allen

Allen's from Missouri Western so of course he's irrelevant.

MIAA STANDINGS

BASEBALL	MIAA	OVERALL
Team	W	L
Emporia State (3)	25	3
UNO (16)	24	8
Central Missouri	20	8
MSSU	16	8
Fort Hays	20	16
Missouri Western	14	16
Washburn	11	17
NORTHWEST	10	18
Pittsburg State	9	21
SBU	6	22
Truman	6	9

SOFTBALL	MIAA	OVERALL
Team	W	L
Central Missouri	15	1
MWSU (25)	11	3
UNO (T19)	9	3
Emporia State	10	4
Pittsburg State	7	5
Washburn	7	9
MSSU	5	7
Fort Hays	4	8
NORTHWEST	4	12
SBU	3	13
Truman	3	13

MEN'S TENNIS	MIAA	OVERALL
Team	W	L
Washburn (33)	4	0
NORTHWEST	4	1
SBU	3	2
Truman	2	3
Emporia State	1	3
UNO	0	5

WOMENS' TENNIS MIAA	OVERALL	
Team	W	L
Washburn	7	0
Truman	6	2
NORTHWEST	6	2
UNO	6	2
SBU	4	4
Emporia State	2	6
Fort Hays	2	6
MSSU	1	7
Missouri Western	0	7

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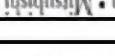
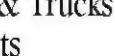
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GIRLS' SOCCER

'Hounds use hat trick to reach undefeated conference record

By Jason Lawrence
Asst. Sports Editor

The Maryville girls' soccer team is riding a four-game winning streak into the heart of their conference season.

The Spoofhounds sit at 4-2 overall and 2-0 in conference play after a 5-0 drubbing of Chillicothe on Tuesday night.

"The girls started with some intensity," head coach Bayo Oludaja said. "That got in some early goals. I have been emphasizing this since last year we had the habit of spending the first half warming up and playing catch-up in the second half."

The 'Hounds jumped on Chillicothe early, scoring goals in the 16th, 19th and 22nd minutes of the first half to take a 3-0 lead into half time.

"I told them at the break, even though we're up by three, the score is 0-0," Oludaja said. "The second half is a whole new game and they could have come back, so we need to score early."

Within two minutes of beginning the second half, the 'Hounds struck again to put the game out of reach.

Later in the second period, Amy Van de Ven added her third goal of the game to ice the match.

Leah Bostwick and Elizabeth Scheiber added the other two goals for the 'Hounds.

Maryville looks to improve their conference record tonight versus Cameron at 4:30 p.m. in Cameron, Mo.

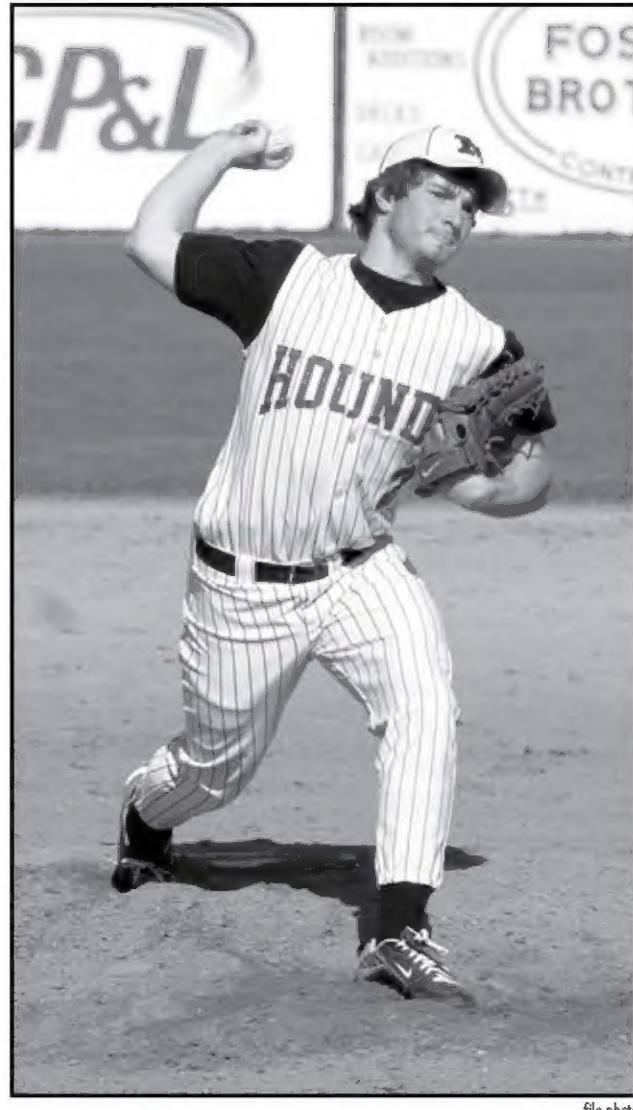
"I want the girls to think of what has worked for us so far," Oludaja said. "We can apply everything we did Tuesday to any game we play and we need to work on that. We can't take anyone lightly, even after a win like the one the other night."

After the Chillicothe game, the 'Hounds set a goal to try to win all of their remaining conference games, Oludaja said.

"We have some obstacles ahead in Savannah, LeBlond and Smithville," Oludaja said. "Even when Chillicothe comes here we can't expect them to just roll over for us. Hopefully we'll win our remaining conference games, but if we do what we should be doing then we should be successful. It'll be a lot of work, but we are prepared to do that work."

This weekend, Maryville heads to North Kansas City to compete in the NKC Tournament.

BASEBALL



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SENIOR PITCHER ADAM Mattson throws a pitch. He threw a complete game against Bishop LeBlond Tuesday night in the Pony Express Tournament.

Spoofhounds drop first two in Pony Express Tournament

By Dustin Sander
Community Sports Editor

The Maryville baseball team lost its first and second round games of the Pony Express Tournament in two very different ways.

Tuesday night, the Spoofhounds lost to Bishop LeBlond 3-1 at Bartlett Park in St. Joseph, Mo. The 'Hounds' bats struggled and their defense was errorless. They had a one-run lead until the bottom of the sixth inning, when senior pitcher Adam Mattson threw his only bad pitch of the day, coach Thom Alvarez said. Mattson gave up a home run, allowing LeBlond to take the lead.

Mattson threw his second complete game of the season and allowed only one earned run, but the offense failed to give their pitcher any run support.

"It seems like we haven't been able to put a whole game together," Alvarez said. "One day our bats were working and our defense wasn't and the other day the defense is work-

ing and the bats weren't."

The 'Hounds lost to Benton on Monday night in the first-round game of the Pony Express Tournament, 16-6 in a game that lasted only six innings. The first time Maryville played Benton, they lost 21-0 in the minimal five innings. But this time, a more prepared 'Hounds team took the field against Benton the second time, for at least the first four innings of the game.

"The first game was one of those things where our kids just weren't ready to play that day and that's my fault not having them ready that day," Alvarez said. "We really showed what we're capable of doing in this past game against Benton. When we go out and play good defense and hit the ball the way we're capable of we can play with just about anybody."

The 'Hounds jumped out to a 6-1 lead at the end of the third inning. Benton fought back scoring four runs in the third and seven runs in the fifth inning. Maryville loaded

the bases in the fourth with no outs, but failed to push a run across the plate.

Maryville has struggled all season to put an entire game together. Alvarez expects his to put it all together soon. They have the potential and have shown both sides of the game at different times during this season.

"The days when our defense is there, we aren't hitting and once again, that's my fault," Alvarez said. "I've got to have the team ready to play a complete game every time we go out. Hopefully we can get that changed around tomorrow when play Cameron ... we're hoping to change the tide tomorrow and get back to winning."

The 'Hounds beat Cameron in their first meeting of the year in a 1-0 game with a complete game shut out thrown by Mattson who also batted in the game's only run. Maryville plays Cameron in its last game of the Pony Express Tournament at 6:30 p.m. tonight at Hyde Field in St. Joseph.

MHS ATHLETES: Walker and Holt round out awards

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needs to do to help the team win and not boost his own stats."

FEMALE ATHLETE OF THE YEAR: Megan Walker

Senior Megan Walker is also a three-sport athlete at Maryville, who plays softball, basketball and running track.

Walker starred on the softball diamond where she pitched and led the team to a 19-1 regular season record.

On the basketball court Walker anchored the team in the post. She was

third on the team in scoring with 230 points and was second on the team in rebounds with 131.

Walker also throws for the Maryville track and field team. She has won the majority of her meets in the shot put and discuss throw.

After graduation, Walker will continue her softball career at Park University in Parkville, Mo.

"She's one of the most coachable girls we have," girls' basketball coach Grant Hageman said. "As far as self-motivation, she's always striving to get better at whatever she's doing. I don't think I've ever seen her take a drill off,

a rep off or a practice off. Everyday no matter what's going on, if it's a good day or a bad day, she's working as hard as she can and that's why she's where she is as an athlete."

COACH OF THE YEAR: Chris Holt

Chris Holt is Maryville's head football coach in only his third season. In Holt's first season the 'Hounds went 4-6 and two years later Holt led the Spoofhounds to their first state championship game since 1996. The 'Hounds went 13-2, won their district championship and were runners-up in the state championship game.

Eight of Holts' players from his

2008 squad earned all-state honors including six on the first team. Holt also supported 2A defensive player of the year Zack Sherry.

Holt also coaches boys' track in the spring. The boys have won every track meet so far this season. Including winning the Midland Empire Conference track meet.

"He does a great job with our whole athlete program," athletic director Paul Snow said. "He runs the weight room and gets them ready for whatever competition they're going to do. He expects the most out of his kids and gets the most out of his kids."

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

Audrey Bailey



Bailey was named the MIAA female athlete of the week after finishing second in the 400 meters hurdles with a time of 1:00.60. She lowered her personal best and beat three Division I athletes. She also qualified for the NCAA Outdoor Championships.

Amy Van de Ven



Van de Ven scored a hat trick in Maryville's game against Chillicothe Tuesday night. The Spoofhounds won the 5-0 and won their fourth straight game. They scored three goals in the first 22 minutes of the game. The 'Hounds are 2-0 in the conference.

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TRACK AND FIELD

Coaching, dedication sends 11 athletes to championships

By Jason Lawrence
Asst. Sports Editor

The biggest meet of the year provided positive results as two Bearcats officially punched their tickets to San Angelo, Texas on May 21 for the NCAA Outdoor Track and Field Championships.

Ben McKim achieved an automatic qualifying bid in the shot put by throwing 58 feet, three inches on the third day of the Kansas Relays in Lawrence, Kan. McKim's mark moves him solely into fourth place on the all-time performers list, past his brother Daniel.

"It was a great honor for him," coach Scott Lorek said. "The guy works his tail off. It was a great day for him at a very prestigious meet. It was a neat, exciting thing for him."

Audrey Bailey also reached the automatic mark in the 400-meter hurdles at the Kansas Relays. Bailey

turned in a time of one minute and six-tenths of a second, lowering her career best by more than two-tenths of a second.

"This year at Kansas she expected more," Lorek said. "She expected to make the finals and place as high as she could. She would tell you it wasn't a perfect race for her, but it sure was a good one."

In addition to McKim and Bailey, three other 'Cats got their names on the list of potential candidates for the championships with provisional qualifying marks at the Central Missouri Mule Relays in Warrensburg, Mo.

Tyler Shaw won the 110-meter hurdles (14.59 seconds). Martin Curley finished second in the triple jump (46 meters, five and three-fourth inches) and Kate Walter finished fourth in the hammer throw (168 meters, three inches).

"I think we had some break-

throughs down there," Lorek said. "I think Tyler Shaw is now in position to run some really fast times. Martin Curley got exactly what he earned. It's exciting to see that for a guy who is just a workhorse. We were just waiting for Kate Walter to bust one, she threw several 157s and she finally did with the 168."

Indoor All-American Emily Churchman credits Lorek's coaching for the success and positive attitude of the team.

"We're working hard at practice all the time," Churchman said. "It helps an athlete with a consistent performance I think. Coach Lorek does an amazing job at making practice a place where you want to be and want to work hard. He is an amazing coach and there is no way I would personally have the success I have without him."

The team has garnered 11 provisional qualifiers so far this season

to go along with the two automatic qualifiers.

"This is probably the most qualifiers we've had since I've been here," Lorek said. "There are definitely a few more people. I'm expecting to make the list and I think they'll round out in the next couple of weeks."

Northwest begins competition at Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa on Friday. It's one of three meets Northwest will compete in over the weekend.

"Drake's such a great thing to just be in," Lorek said. "We're just looking for them to have a great experience and just run real fast. It's so hard to get in so just getting people in is good."

The Bearcats will also send athletes to compete in the Kip Janvrin Simpson College Open in Indianola, Ill. on Friday and at home in the MIAA Multi-Event Championships on Sunday and Monday.

BASEBALL SEASON STATS

Northwest	Opponents
8.4	HITS/Game
5	RUNS/Game
.270	BATTING AVE.
22	HOME RUNS
83	ERRORS
4.3	RBIs/Game
.345	ON BASE %
5.46	Pitchers' Ks/9
5.57	Pitchers' ERA

SEASON LEADERS

Batting Average	ERA
1.) .346 Trevor Conner	1.) 3.31 Brett Harvel
2.) .339 Chris Benham	2.) 3.12 Jacob Kemper
3.) .292 Tim Beck	3.) 3.31 T. Theismann

Home Runs

Strikeouts
1.) 4 Brandon Kirsch and Brandon Kirsch
2.) 23 Christian Dekker
3.) 21 Bill Disselhoff

RBIs

Stolen Bases
1.) 20 Matt Stice
2.) 9 Chris Benham

SOFTBALL SEASON STATS

Northwest	Opponents
7.10	HITS/Game
3.77	RUNS/GAME
.265	BATTING AVE.
31	HOME RUNS
70	ERRORS
3.43	RBIs/Game
.329	ON BASE %
3.31	Pitchers' Ks/9
4.83	Pitchers' ERA

SEASON LEADERS

Batting Average	ERA
1.) .371 Tiffany Carter	1.) 4.38 Cola Krueger
2.) .308 Casey Carper	2.) 5.03 Nicole Ackelson
3.) .276 Jennifer Bohle	3.) 5.56 Kelsey Resa

Home Runs

Strikeouts
1.) 11 Tiffany Carter
2.) 4 Jennifer Bohle and Sarah Saladino
3.) 23 Nicole Ackelson

TENNIS



JUNIOR VERONICA CASTILLA makes a return in Wednesday's match at Frank Grube Courts. The match marks the final time the Bearcats will play on their home court this season. The women's team is tied for second in the MIAA.

NW ATHLETES: Top performers of the year

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On her first meet of the outdoor season, she provisionally qualified for the NCAA outdoor championship in late May, and on April 10 she posted a career-best 4.719 in the heptathlon. She also earned MIAA player of the week honors on February 2.

Coach of the Year: Mark Rosewell

Rosewell won his 800th career win this season, and also earned an induction into the United States Tennis Association Heart of America District Hall of Fame.

His men's and women's teams currently sit at a 10-3

combined record in MIAA play, with the men's team currently ranked 25th in the country.

Now in his 25th season as the Northwest tennis coach, Rosewell's recruiting has brought players from everywhere from Lee's Summit, Mo. to Barcelona, Spain and Faridabad, India, creating a team atmosphere unlike any other at Northwest.

"It's really nice to play for someone who has been here for so long, and he's a really good recruiter," senior Daniel Usieto said. "There's so many players from so many different places, and it's nice to play on a team with so many people from so many different places."



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NW BASEBALL

'Cats play well on road, push through end of season

A.J. Martin
*Missourian
Reporter*

The Northwest baseball team will hit the road once again this weekend as it heads to Bolivar, Mo. to take on Southwest Baptist.

The 'Cats have been away from home for awhile now as they have travelled to Joplin, Mo. and Kearney, Neb. last week. Northwest faired decently on the road, winning two out of three.

The loss came against Missouri Southern last Friday in what seemed more like a football score. The 'Cats were outslugged 20-14 in the barnburner. The Lions struck big with an eight-run fourth inning, followed by a nine-run sixth inning. This put the 'Cats down 18-4, however Northwest clawed back with a seven-run seventh inning. This saved the 'Cats from being defeated by the run rule for the second time in the last week.

Both teams posted two runs in the eighth and held each other scoreless through the ninth. Combined, both teams racked up 34 combined runs along with 42 combined hits. Third baseman Bill Disselhoff was a triple away from the cycle in the contest.

Northwest came back the next day to defeat the Lions by a score of 4-3. Junior Nick Pfeiffer used his first plate appearance in more than a month to get on and later scored the game-winning run in the eighth.

Pfeiffer also had a strong performance Tuesday against Nebraska-Kearney, going 2-5 with an RBI in his first start. Pfeiffer was pleased with his return to the diamond.

"It just felt good to get back out there with guys and be able to contribute in any way that I could," Pfeiffer said. "We just want to keep adding the victories and end this season on a positive note."

Coach Darin Loe was pleased with the road trip and is continuing to push his team forward as the season winds down.

"I have been pretty pleased with our performance these past few weeks," Loe said. "We went through kind of a slump there at the beginning of the year, but as the weather gets warmer, as do we so that is pretty encouraging leading up to next year."

It doesn't look like the 'Cats will be able to jump enough spots to get into the MIAA Tournament coming up in the next two weeks. The 'Cats currently hold eighth place in the MIAA.

However getting these last four possible victories is definitely a goal for Northwest.

The 'Cats will be in action this weekend taking on the purple Bearcats of Southwest Baptist. Game times are set for 1 p.m. Friday and noon on Saturday at Southwest Baptist University.

ATHLETES OF THE YEAR

A CUT ABOVE THE REST



Megan Walker

Bearcat standouts recognized

By Christopher Woodland
Sports Editor

As the custom has become the tradition, the last issue of the year means it is time for the Missourian's Annual End of the Year Awards.

Many Northwest athletes have produced noteworthy performances this year, but only one male and one female make the cut for this list, and a coach.

In the close but no cigar category: Hunter Henry finished his illustrious career by averaging 17 points and an MIAA-leading 8.7 rebounds per game. Also, LaRon Council seamlessly replaced now Buffalo Bills running back Xavier Oman by rushing for 1,739 yards and an NCAA division II leading 35 touchdowns.

Male Athlete of the Year: Myles Burnsides

The junior captain did just about everything for the Bearcats last fall. He accumulated a team-leading 43 solo tackles (71



Adam Mattson

total), six interceptions, recovered a fumble, forced a fumble and blocked a punt against Washburn that set up a Northwest touchdown.

His ability to make big plays at critical moments garnered All-American honors and earned him the Division II defensive player of the year title.

Several times throughout the season Burnsides stepped up and made big plays when it seemed the Bearcats needed them the most.

He intercepted a pass late in Northwest's battle with Missouri Western, and returned it to the Griffin 24 to set up the game-winning touchdown.

"He has that ability to make big plays right when we need them, and of course the great players have the tendency to do that," Northwest coach Mel Tjeerdsma said.

Spending hours in the film room has given Burnsides the extra edge for making plays.

"(Burnsides' work ethic) goes far beyond the weight room," Tjeerdsma said. "He spends a lot of time watching film and in game preparation. He does it all."

Female Athlete of the Year: Emily Churchman

Churchman broke the school pentathlon record on December 13, and has since moved her mark further and further out of reach.

The indoor season ended with her earning All-American honors while placing eighth at the Division II Indoor Track Championship.

She has not missed stride since the outdoor season has started.

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Myles Burnsides



Emily Churchman

THE BEST TO WALK THE HALLS

By Dustin Sander
Community Sports Editor

Senior Adam Mattson led the Spoofhounds in three sports in the 2008-09 season. He was the running back for the state runner-up football team, guard of the basketball team and starting pitcher on the diamond.

Mattson was an All-State running back for two years. The Spoofhound football team made it all the way to the state championship game for the first time since 1996. He rushed 207 times for 1,826 yards and 21 touchdowns this season. Mattson rushed for 259 yards and had three touchdowns in Maryville's sectional play-off victory against Trenton. He also broke the career rushing record at Maryville High School with 4,245 yards.

Mattson also started as a guard for Maryville's basketball team. The 'Hounds finished 15-9 including coach Mike Kuwitsky's 400th win. He led the team in assists with 50 for the season averaging 2.1 per game.

Mattson's third sport is baseball where he is a starting pitcher and also plays shortstop. Mattson leads Maryville in nearly every pitching stat with a 3.32 ERA, 20 strikeouts and 12 2-3 innings pitched. From the plate he also has the teams only homerun of the season and leads the team in RBIs with four.

Mattson will begin his college career playing football at Northwest as a running back.

"I've had the opportunity of coaching Adam in football as well as in baseball," baseball coach Thom Alvarez said. "The greatest thing about Adam is that he's humble. He's not one of those kids that walks around talking and thinks he's that good ... He understands that he's part of a team. He doesn't look at himself as the stud, he looks at himself as part of the team and he does

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